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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

SEPTEMBER • 1958

Important Dates

August 24. Budget sub-committee, W. I. Boone, Chairman; met at Conference Office at 12:30 — lunch, followed by meeting.

August 26-29: Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Sessions at Doane College.

September 6: Stewardship Committee, E. S. Bagley, Chairman; 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

September 7: Davidson Installation at Topeka Seabrook.

September 8: Conference Board of Trustees, Ray Jones, Moderator—10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

September 8: Christian Higher Education Fund (CHEF) Committee: Dr. Geo. Baxter Smith, Chairman; 2 P.M. with Board of Trustees; 3 to 5 P.M. separately.

September 9: Christian Education with Mrs. Carl E. Georgeson, Chairman, and Family Life with Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Chairmen, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

September 11: Campus Ministry Committee, Rev. James Ewing, Chairman—10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

September 13 and 14: Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop at Wichita Plymouth — Mr. Charles Armstrong, President.

September 15 and 16: Women's Fellowship Board meeting at Emporia, Mrs. Roscoe Graves, President.

September 22: Evangelism Committee with Rev. Ed Brantz, Chairman, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

September 22: Christian Social Action Committee with Mrs. Ralph Ewing, Chairman, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

September 23: Town and Country Committee with Rev. Dan Tyson, Chairman, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

September 28-October 5: Christian Education Week.

October 5 and 6: Western Association at Ellis.

October 7: Southern Association at Towanda.

October 9: Eastern Association at Sabetha.

October 14-16: Midwest Regional at Fort Wayne, Ind.

October 19: Laymen's Sunday

November 2: Women's Fellowship Day.

November 9: Stewardship Sunday.

United Church Herald

Subscribers to "Advance" and to "The Messenger" will find the October 9 issue carrying a new name — UNITED CHURCH HERALD. This great bi-weekly journal will further cultivate the sense of oneness among the members of the United Church of Christ. Present subscriptions will be continued under the new magazine.

The goal is to reach every home with this single publication picturing the work of our larger fellowship. When 100% subscription is entered for all homes in the parish and paid in one sum, the price is $1.50 per family, per year. Individual, single subscriptions—$2.50 per year.

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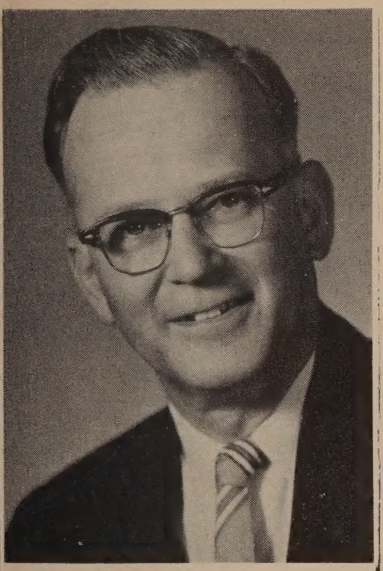


Rev. S. Duane Ogden

Sabetha Centenary

The First Congregational Church of Sabetha will celebrate its hundredth anniversary, September 26, 1958. The Rev. S. Duane Ogden is Centennial Pastor.

The "Birthday Party", September 26, will be a Family Night covered-dish supper. An appropriate program will be presented. At this time, Mrs. Lillian Hughes Neiswangegr of Urbana, Ill., will present her book recounting first century events of the church's life. The historiographer, a descendant of two of the church founders, has devoted many hours in the past ten years to preparing this documentary account from records, state files, interviews and personal letters. Harvey Haines will be th eevening's chairman.

Don Jones, Church School Superintendent, will plan and present a centenary program during the Church School Hour Centennial Sunday, September 28.

Col. Glenn Witherspoon, a former pastor, will be guest speaker at the morning service Centennial Sunday. Rev. Witherspoon's Sabetha pastorate was from 1931 to 1937. Other former pastors will be guests. Dr. Clemens Rucker is in charge of this service.

Sunday afternoon, September 28, Sabetha First will hold Open House from 2 to 4 o'clock. Mrs. Joe McGinty, who served 17 years as church clerk, will be registrar. Conducted tours of the church plant may be made for all who desire it. There will also be a historical display. It is hoped many old friends will meet at this time.

As a Centennial finale, on October 0, the church will be host to Eastern Association.

The Sabetha Church has an eventful, fascinating history. It dates from the day the "mother church" was founded at Albany, a rural community nearby, by 18 frontier Christians of varied denominations desiring a place for worship and Christian instruction for their young ones. That first meeting was held outdoors beneath a native tree with a cracker barrel as the pulpit! Rev. Roswell D. Parker, one of the circuit preachers of the "Andover Band", traveled by horseback from Leavenworth to organize the Albanyites. He was assisted by Rev. Byrd, also of that city. Eighteen were received into membership by letters, most from New York churches. A confession of Faith, a constitution and by-laws were formally adopted.

A century of Congregationalism has considerably liberalized those first by-laws, but the founders' fundamental Christian consecration has endured. A century's files cite many outstanding records of Christian devotion. Forty-

three have been members fifty years or more.

The John McNary family, descendants of two charter members, are five generation members. There are also 16 other five generation families on the 1958 roll. Mrs. George I. Althouse, Sr., present choir director, has served in this capacity for 31 out of the past 34 years.

After its founding, the Albany church grew in membership and influence until the railroad was built two miles south and the city of Sabetha was founded. Business and settlers followed the railway. A Sabetha Church was organized. On September 44, 1873, all members and properties of this and the Albany church merged to form the First Congregational Church of Sabetha.

One-fifth of the 1861 Albany membership joined the Union forces when a "Pony rider" brought news of the battle of Bull Run. Two of these, charter members, gave their lives. Records say, according to Dr. Emily B. Slosson, John Brown spent his last night in Kansas, Feb. 1, 1859, at Albany, going from there to Harper's Ferry. He was escorting slaves to Canada via the "underground railroad" and stopped at Albany, a station.

In May, 1875, the first portion of the present church structure was completed at a cost of $3500.00 and dedicated. The Sabetha Two Company had donated the three-lot site, valued at $350.00. The "Grasshopper Invasion" in 1874-75 created the church's first major financial problem when the pests completely wiped out all farm crops, making it impossible to meet building indebtedness. Then, as always, capable leadership solved the problem with a workable, constructive plan.

In 1880 the tall church spire was removed. Records note "it was a source of constant fear, many parishioners leaving the house of worship whenever the wind blew hard!" Later additions to the church have included a chapel, gymnasium (now dining room), and basement church school rooms. Since 1953, some $38,000.00 in improvements and renovations have been completed, including sanctuary and chancel remodeling.

The tiny congregation of 18 founders had grown to 196 in 1876. About two decades later, the membership was substantially strengthened when many of the disbanded Capioma Church united with Sabetha. On January 1, 1958, the church had 504 active members, the largest number of active resident communicants in its history. Since 1954, it has progressed steadily under the guiding hand of the Rev. S. Duane Ogden and Mrs. Ogden.

The Centennial Committee, with Mrs. Marvin Scoby, chairman, includes: Dr. Clemens Rucker, Harvey Haines, Mrs. Joe McGinty, Secretary, Paul McNary and Mrs. Leonard Rockwell, Publicity.

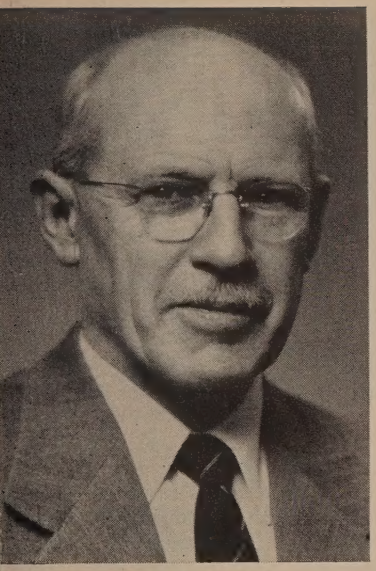
—Mrs. Rockwell, reporting

Kansas Council Secretary

The Rev. Harold B. Statler, 31, of Indianapolis, Indiana was named new Executive Secretary of the Kansas Council of Churches in July and began leadership September first. Mr. Statler, former Assistant Secretary of the Indiana Council of Churches, succeeds Rev. Milton Vogel who resigned in early May.

The son of a minister, Mr. Statler was minister of the First Church of the Brethren in Indianapolis for five years before entering council work.

A dinner honoring the Statler's will be given on September 11 at the Highland Park Methodist Church.



Dr. Henry Smith Leiper
Guest Leader

Calling All Men!

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, internationally known Congregational Christian Churchman and ecumenical leader, will be guest leader at the Fifth Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop, September 13 and 14, from 4:30 Saturday to 4:30 P.M., Sunday at Plymouth Church in Wichita, where learning, fellowship and sharing of ideas, will be featured. Be sure a reservation card has been sent for men from your church.

The Program

Dr. Leiper will speak at the Saturday evening dinner, give leadership at three workshop sessions, and bring the closing meditation on Sunday. All three workshops will present helps on vital phases of churchmanship. A dynamic missionary message will be presented thru the movie, "King's Man" filmed at our own Mission Stations in Africa. Our Conference Moderator, the Rev. Ray C. Jones, will present "A Christian Layman's Challenge."

Hospitality

Courtesy meals by the Conference and the Laymen's Fellowship, lodging in homes arranged by the host church, plus the warm welcome always extended at Wichita Plymouth by Dr. George Kirk and his people, will make this occasion memorable.

Welcome to Wichita!

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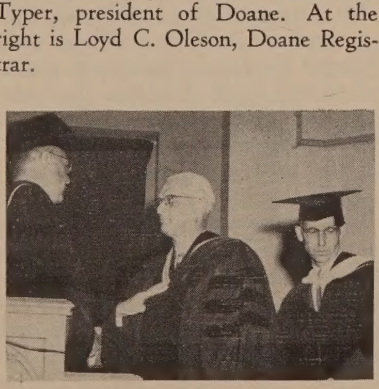
Golden Wedding

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Richard of Hutchinson, formerly of Partridge, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 24.

Honorary Degree

The Rev. George Ogden Kirk, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita was one of two recipients of honorary degrees conferred by Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, at commencement exercises, June 2. He also was the Baccalaureate speaker at Doane the day before. He is shown below, center, receiving the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Donald M. Typer, president of Doane. At the right is Loyd C. Oleson, Doane Registrar.



The Paul Davis Family

Ministers Come and Go!

Lawrence Calls Paul Davis

After consideration of the records of some 40 ministers, the Lawrence Pastoral Committee of fifteen members, chaired by Judge Frank R. Gray, recommended the Rev. Paul R. Davis to succeed Dr. Dale Turner as minister of the church. On Sunday, July 20, Mr. Davis preached from the Lawrence pulpit. At a church business meeting following, a unanimous call was extended. The call was accepted, and the Davis family will move to Lawrence to begin leadership September 21st.

Mr. Davis was born in St. Louis. He is a graduate of Drury College and Chicago Theological Seminary where he received his B.D. degree in 1950. Since that time he has completed more than four quarters at Chicago toward his Ph.D in the field of religious history.

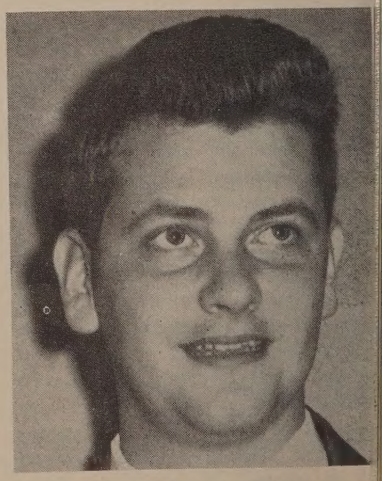
Under his leadership since 1954, the Garden City Community Congregational Church has shown steady grotwh in all areas of work; attendance at Sunday worship increased so that two services had to be inaugurated during the past year. He has been active in community and civic affairs. He has served as a member of the Conference Board of Trustees, has been Moderator of Western Association, and is at present serving as chairman of the Conference Committee on the Ministry and as Junior Hi Camp director.

Mrs. Davis (Helen) is a graduate of Elmhurst College; she is active in choir work and has had training in Christian Education. Their daughter, Anne Eliabeth is almost four and Mark will be two in January.

We wish the Davises the best in their new field of service at Lawrence.

Associate Minister at Central

The Rev. Ernest J. Huntzinger, Jr., of Bangor, Maine, assumed duties as Associate Minister at Central Church, Topeka on August first. A native of



Rev. E. J. Huntzinger

Pennsylvania, Mr. Huntzinger came to Topeka from the Congregational pastorate at Milford, Maine. He graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary in the spring.

Bartter's To Newton

Word has just come to us that Rev. A. H. Bartter of McPherson has accepted a call to Newton.

The Merril Grohman Family

Lincoln Calls Minister

The Rev. Garland McCalley began as Minister at Lincoln early in June. Mr. McCalley graduated from the Omaha Bible Institute in Omaha, Nebraska in 1955. He is a member of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America. Mrs. McCalley attended college in Missouri and studied at the Omaha Bible School. The McCalley's have no children.

Rev. Garland L. McCalley

Little River Calls Minister

Early in August the Little River Congregational Church extended a unanimous call to the Rev. Merril D. Grohman to begin leadership there September first. The Rev. Jack Havice who has served the church for more than a year resigned to proceed with further schooling.

The Grohman's come to Little River from Broomfield, a suburb of Denver, where Mr. Grohman has been Editor of the Broomfield News. Mr. Grohman grew up in the Pioneer Congregational Church at Sacramento, California. He has been active in church work all his life; having served as Assistant Minister, Assistant in Christian Education and as Work Director in the YMCA. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grohman worked for two years with the Koinoina Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland training people going overseas in the use of Multilith printing presses. During this period they were active in a nearby Church of the Brethren.

During recent months in Denver, Mr. Grohman has been Volunteer Director of Christian Education at a new high potential United Church of Christ. During these months his urge

to prepare himself for full-time Christian ministry led him to give up his business and serve a church while continuing his education. He plans to complete his college at McPherson College while serving Little River.

The Grohman's have three children: Tanza Jean, 5, David, 3, and Kamala, 1. Mrs. Grohman (Helen) is a graduate of Michigan State.

New Leadership at Tonganoxie

The Rev. Rex Kelly, who has served Tonganoxie the past year, resigned in June to accept a Methodist appointment. Mr. Kelly had previously served our Plevna church.

On the last Sunday in July, the Rev. Billy Earl Evans with Mrs. Evans, Mark - 7, Teddy - 5, and Paula Jan - 1 year, moved into the Tonganoxie parsonage. Mr. Evans is a graduate of Taylor University and has completed 2 years at Central Baptist Seminary. During his pastorate at Tonganoxie he plans to complete work for his degree from Central Baptist.

Mr. Evans served a Baptist Church at Prospect, Ohio but has been Admissions Counselor for Park College the past two years. Mrs. Evans is a registered nurse.

The Evans Family

Ewing Leaves Lawrence

The Rev. James Ewing, for the past two years Associate Minister at Lawrence, has resigned to accept the campus ministry post at Washington University in St. Louis.

Mr. Ewing is a graduate of Carlton College and Chicago Theological Seminary. He came to Lawrence from the Congregational Church at Malta, Montana. At Lawrence he has had special responsibilities in the field of Church School, Youth Work and Campus Ministry.

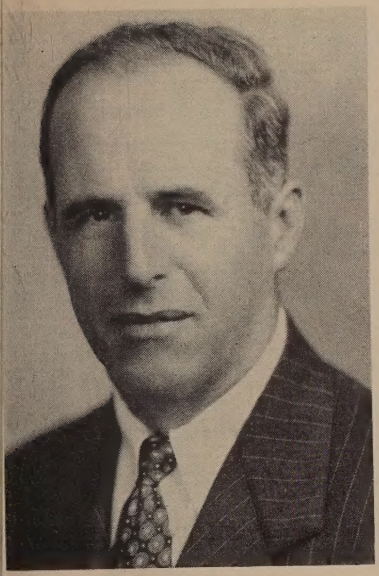
He has been chairman of the Conference Campus Ministry Committee since coming to Kansas and has initiated a more active program in that field. His interests have increasingly centered in this phase of the work, leading him to accept the St. Louis position where he will give full time to campus ministry.

Gill Leaves Anthony

Work came the middle of August of the resignation of the Rev Ray Gill who has been serving our Anthony Church for almost two years. Mr. Gill completed work for his college degree from Alva, Oklahoma and attended Seminary at Phillips in Enid last year.

Mr. Gill moved the last of August with his wife and four children to Oklahoma City where he has employment which will make it possible for him to continue his education with less indebtedness.

He was Kansas Adult Delegate to the Joint National Youth Council held in New York City in June. He was scheduled to direct the P.F. Planning and Training Conference held at Doane in August. He will be greatly missed in Kansas.



Rev. and Mrs. Everett C. Blake
Association Guests

The Blake's, Congregational Christian Educators in the Near East for 30 years, will be guests in Kansas from October 1 thru 9.

They head up the American Collegiate Institute at Izmir, Turkey, a school for girls founded by the American Board in 1877. In keeping with the Turkish custom that women direct institutions for girls, Mrs. Blake is principal and Mr. Blake is Business Manager.

Mrs. Blake, the former Lynda Goodsell, is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Fred Field Goodsell. She grew up in Turkey and began her education there, later earning her degree at Wellesley College. Mr. Blake is a graduate of the University of California and Pacific School of Religion. The Blake's have three children—Jacklyn, a student at Oberlin, John of Berkeley, California and Lincoln who is with the U. S. Navy.

We feel very fortunate to have them as guests as we begin our study of "The Middle East."

Other Features

The Rev. Ray C. Jones, Conference Moderator will be a guest at all three meetings. General Council delegates will bring echo's of that meeting and Conference Boards and Committees will announce plans and projects.

Places and Dates

Western will meet at Ellis October 5 and 6 with the Rev. Robert Gurtler, Host Pastor and Mr. Carl Georgeson, Moderator.

Southern will meet at Towanda October 7 with the Rev. Robert Waters as Host Pastor and Mr. Percy Shue, Moderator.

Eastern will meet at Sabetha October 9 with the Rev. S. Duane Ogden as Host Pastor and the Rev. Millard Marshall, Moderator.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Poppe—President **Ann Heide—Secretary**

Wa-Shun-Ga 1958

Four wonderful camps were held at Wa-Shun-Ga this summer May 25 to June 21 with 603 in attendance. This was our 15th year at the Wa-Shun-Ga site and reports indicate that it was our best. Miss Alice Huggins, Miss Leila Anderson and Garabed Suvijian, our guests, gave wonderful leadership. Uncle Steve Williams, Uncle Elmo Paff and Uncle Dieter Flemming gave sacrificially of their time and energy as Camp Directors. The giving to Christian Action projects totaled $1,117.04 and was allocated as follows:

Public Address System for Tarsus Boys School - Maynard's	$200.00
Leila Anderson Station Wagon General Fund	$293.02
Leila Anderson Station Wagon Expense Fund	$153.00
Uncle Greg in India	$293.02
Wichita Concord Building Fund	$178.00
Total	$1,117.04

Doane P & T

As we go to press 113 Pilgrims and Leaders are registered for the Second Annual Planning and Training Conference at Doane College. The total last year was 83. The program, with our National Council delegates and the Rev. Ed Powers National Secretary leading, promises to be most worthwhile. The Rev. Steve Williams is directing the Conference instead of the Rev. Ray Gill who has left Kansas. We hope to be able to list the names of the new President and Secretary at proof reading time. More about Doane P. and T. next month.

Summer Planning

Thirty young people and their ministers and sponsors from Ellis, Smith Center, Stockton, Lenora and Almena met for an all day planning retreat at Stockton on July 15. After a get-acquainted fellowship hour, discussions were led by the Rev. Dan Tyson and Mrs. Carl Georgeson on the planning of a Pilgrim Fellowship program and the resources available to help in such planning. The afternoon was spent in sharing together experiences, ideas and problems and a period when local church groups made some initial plans for the coming year. In the late afternoon the group went to Lake Webster to swim and have a picnic together. The meeting was closed with fellowship singing and a worship service led by the Ellis P.F. The retreat was planned and directed by the Rev. Robert Gurtler of Ellis.

Wedding Bells!

Barbara Bell and Kenneth Ciboski were married in our McPherson sanctuary on July 12. They are at home in Webster Groves, Missouri where Ken works in a bank and Barbara continues the work she has had since her graduation from K.U. in 1957—with United Student Fellowship publications.

Eunice Jones of Sabetha and Don Wilbur of Manhattan were married in our Sabetha Church August 24.

Norky Jones and Carolyn Etter were married in Wichita in July.

Nancy Kay and Ens. James W. Cox were married at First Congregational in Topeka on July 6.

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST
October 18

Invested Summers

Pictured above is the Rev. Louis Poppe of Whitewater resting a moment in front of the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church where 18 Pilgrims spent two weeks in work ,worship and fellowship June 15-28.

The stone church built in 1860, though structurally sound was sadly in need of repairs. The 26 members furnished materials and the young people did most of the work which consisted of installing a new acoustical tile ceiling, laying new floor, sanding pews ready for finishing, puttying and painting window frames, shutters and steeple.

Probably more important than the work accomplished was the experience of Christian serving and living felt deeply by the campers in their relationships with each other and with members of the church and community. The Wabaunsee Church is the only interracial church in our Kansas Congregational fellowship, and the only church in the small community. The lift, both materially and spiritually, given by the Work Camp Project, will be long remembered by the campers, the leaders and the Wabaunsee people.

Much credit is due the Rev. Louie Poppe and the Rev. Dan Tyson who gave themselves so completely during the camp and put in many hours before and after. Suzanne Hertel of Doane College served as Counselor of Girls and Mary Eitel of Great Bend supervised the cooking. The Rev. Ray Klasing of the Alma E. and R. Church serves Wabaunsee on a supply basis.

Attending the Work Camp were: Lydele Long and Vic Zuercher of White water; Judy Gripton of Smith Center; Albert Beyer and Galen Weick of Sabetha; Glynis Gilbert and Charles Wisdom of K.C. Welborn; George Marble and Jerry Horton of K.C. Ruby; Ann Heide and Sandra Gutru of Wichita Plymouth; Karen Toburen of Manhattan; Nancy Partin and Joy Stephen of Prairie Village; Dave Ashley of Almena and Steve Hynding of San Francisco, California.

Other Workers Also

Jerry Adkins and Gene Clyma of K.C. Ruby spent a month at an E. and R. Work Camp at Shannondale Community Center, Gladden, Missouri.

Doug Gunn's Work Camp in Lebanon was cancelled due to the unrest there and he took part in a Work Camp at Ramallah, Jordan.

Kay Brown has shared her diary with us as she spent the summer in an Ecumenical Work Camp in Denmark.

Cindy Ewing of Russell returned early in September after spending the summer in Luxembourg as an American Field Service exchange student.

Richard Mullins, Jr. of Wichita Plymouth reports a wonderful experience in westside Chicago.

Two Letters

May25-31, Junior Hi Campers:

Tarsus American College
Tarsus, Turkey

Dear friends:

Thank you for your very wonderful gift of a public address system for our school. We are delighted! What a wonderful way you chose to send your voices so far . . . from your camp to Tarsus.

We've wanted a P.A. system for a long, long time. First of all we want to be able to have music at our assembly programs, but the hall is too big for an ordinary record player. Now we can have concerts for the students and even try recorded concerts for the music lovers of the community.

Then there are the outdoor programs which we have always wanted because it is so hot in June at Commencement time, and we can have many other entertainments during the summer.

We hope you will all feel that you have a part in the Tarsus American College now . . . as you really do, and we shall feel closer to you, our friends in Kansas. Again, many thanks to you all.

Sincerely yours,
The Richard Maynard's

Concord Cong'l. Church
Wichita, Kansas

Dear friends:

Recently I took a weed chopper and drove to the church sign a half mile away and cut down the weeds. The sign reads, "Future Home of Concord Cong'l. Church." Our people are proud of the five acres on which we shall soon build a church. We picture in our minds what the building will mean as a house of worship, Christian Education and fellowship.

The day after I chopped down the weeds, your gift of $25.00 to our building fund arrived; it made me feel very good. When others share our interest in seeing a building rise there, we gain a strong sense of Christian fellowship with them. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
George K. Dreher, Minister

Attend National Conference

Six members of Kansas United Student Fellowship attended the National Conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, August 26 - September 2. Phil Friedeman of Great Bend and K.U. - President of Kansas U.S.F.; Pat Hiss of Emporia - Treasurer; Marilyn Bell of McPherson and K.U.; Tom Clark of Center, Nebraska and K.U.; Mary Lou Shelly of Ford and Wichita U., and Ken Peirce of Partridge and K. State.

Help For CROP

According to a report from Michele Potter, Secretary of Partridge P.F. 16 members recently met and went out for 3½ hours soliciting for CROP netting $200.00 for the cause.

God and Country Award

Late in July four Explorer Scouts of our McPherson Church received their God and Country Award. Pictured left to right are: John Matson, the Rev. A. H. Bartter, John Dunham, Mr. Eddie Ball - Explorer Leader and Gary Sager.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Edith Chrisman
Mrs. Clara Herring
By Leavenworth Fellowship

Mrs. Nellie Storrs Newman
Lora Walker Perrin
By Emporia Fellowship

Mrs. W. R. Bratton
By Council Grove Fellowship

Mrs. Emma Lola Cheap
Mrs. Jane Melinda Stoner
By Kinsley Fellowship

Mrs. Theda Burley
By Topeka Central Fellowship

Mrs. Mame Coughenour
Mrs. Janet Hereford
By Wichita Plymouth Fellowship

Mollie Rhodes
By Maize Fellowship

Mrs. Nellie Taggart
By Independence Fellowship

Mrs. Elwyn Dales
By Eureka Fellowship

Mrs. Guy Morse
By Topeka First Fellowship

Missionary Education

The whole philosophy of Missions, both World and Home has changed since the Yankees went to the now called Hawaiian Islands and introduced the loosely fitting dress of that day, known by our grandmothers as the Mother Hubbard. Today the dress itself has changed but slightly, except that it is made of gay materials and often worn by all classes of women as the accepted dress in the afternoon or evening, in the Islands.

Today our teachers in overseas missions often find themselves teaching under native supervisors, and are only too glad to help the students learn to help themselves. Now we hear and read much of one Mission, the mission of love that Christ came to teach, whether it be at home or abroad. Others feel that while this idea is true, we still need specialists in each field. The July and August copies of the Advance carry thought provoking articles on this idea.

We need to study and learn more and more of the people who are studying in these World Missions and also know what is being taught in our study at home.

It is not enough just to send our quota of money, important as that is. We must study, read, check out films from the State Conference Office, make use of the American Board Yearbook until the missionaries become real people to us, and of course, study the current Mission Study Books. Everyone is interested now in the Middle East, and certainly we should have concerns of our North American Neighbors on our hearts.

Remember, I have the study books in these fields available for loan from two to four weeks.

819 Garfield, Topeka
Civilla Vinson,
Missionary Education Secretary,
Kansas Women's Fellowship

Report From Retreat

The third annual Retreat of the Kansas Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, which was held at McPherson College in McPherson, June 3, 4 and 5, is now history. There were 108 women registered for full time and fifty for part of the time, making a full registration of 158. This included two national guests, two women from the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the President of the Kansas United Church Women. Thirty-seven churches from 28 cities were represented. There were 99 freshmen enrolled for 63% of the total; 33 sophomores or 20% of the total, and 26 juniors or 16% of the total.

The Rev. Leila Anderson, Miss Lucille D. Frost, Miss Alice Huggins, Mrs. Vera Lancaster and Mrs. Ruth Rymph gave a great deal of instruction and inspiration to the women who attended. The secretaries of our 6 departments of work held workshops each day. The women of the McPherson church gave much of themselves to make everything pleasant for all of us and everyone there helped in many ways to make the fellowship of those days real and meaningful.

After the first and second annual retreat a mimeographed report called, "Gleanings from Retreat" was sent to each woman who had attended. This year, because of the cost of having the report mimeographed and mailed, and because of the status of our treasury, the Retreat committee decided that the reports would be kept on file and briefs from some of them would be printed from time to time in Congregational Kansas.

Myrtle K. Graves

Word From Vera

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lancaster moved from Topeka to Mobile, Alabama on July 8. Their address is: Apt. 903, Creighton Towers, 758 St. Michael St., Mobile, Alabama. Vera writes that there are many new and lovely things to see. Her knee has given her more trouble, but she is hoping it will improve soon. Know she would love to hear from Kansas friends.

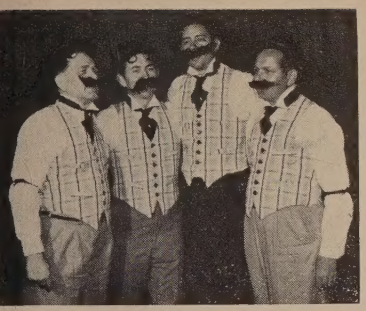
Women and The Christian Education Program

At our Women's Retreat, the Rev. Leila Anderson gave us distinct jobs to do in Christian Education in our local churches. She said, "Something must be done in salesmanship, we can't continue to just get by." For some time special stress has been placed on the need for increased secular education and at last we are seeing the need for education through — Church Schools, Youth Groups, Vacation Church Schools, Camps for all ages, Workshops and Institutes.

She suggested ways women can help in the Christian Education program.

1: Sell this new idea of education to the churches.
2: Volunteer baby-sitting for teachers.
3: Encourage teachers to attend meetings, institutes, camps.
4: Provide Christian home training.
5: Sponsor church family nights.
6: Support church school nights to review educational material.
7: Organize a church library.
8: Write to college students and absentee members.
9: "Adopt" a child: keep in touch with him regarding church life.

Helen Davis (Mrs. Paul)



K. C. Rosedale Quartet
aul Anderson — Willis Reddick
Walker Sumner — Oscar Bonny

Do You Remember When?

The above pictured Barber Shop Quartet took part in a program opening the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Kansas City Rosedale early in June. Songs, skits and setting depicting life o years ago made an evening full of laughter and good fellowship.

Further observance of the Anniversary will be held on October 26.

Christian Education Program and Helps

The Church School Worker

This new monthly publication combines the best features of the Program Manual and the old Church School Worker, and is a MUST for Superintendents, teachers and leaders. Its publication monthly, rather than quarterly, makes possible more extensive and more current helps. Subscribe from Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston, as an individual for $3.00 per year, or with your church school materials order at 60c per quarter or at $2.40 per year.

Observation School Coaching Conference

This training of instructors working with age groups from Nursery through Adult, will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita, Nov. 14 thru 16. Age groups include, Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Junior High, Senior High and Adult. Mrs. Kenneth Martin of our Welborn Church in Kansas City will lead the Primary section. Our Kansas Fellowship may enroll two in each age group. The registration is $2.50 for the period. Your church would do well to pay the expenses of a leader to these sessions sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches. Write Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Lenora, for registration blank and further details.

New Fall Filmstrip

"How the Old Testament Came to Be" is the title of the 75 frame, color filmstrip for the Fall Pilgrim Series studies on the "Book of Books." Other filmstrips helpful to this quarter's theme are: "The Bible Through the Centuries" and "Our Old Testament Heritage." All are available at the Conference Office for payment of postage.

Other Helps

"The Bible In Our Home" is the name of the Family Resource book which should be in every church school home this fall.

"The Christian Worker and His Calling" by Lobinger. is a 10c pamphlet which should be in the hands of every church school teacher and leader. Especially good for Christian Education Week—September 28 to October 5.

Chambers' Leaves Udall

On Sept. 1st the Rev. Penn S. Chambers and Mrs. Chambers began leadership at Orient and Zion, a yoked parish in Iowa.

The Chambers' have given constructive leadership at Udall since February, 1956.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Babies

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Vogt of Wakefield announce the arrival of Randall Wayne on June 21st.

Rev. and Mrs. Max Thomas are parents of a third son, Peter Cowger, born August 21st.

Fifty Years In Ministry

On June 7, the Rev. C. G. Nelson completed 50 years in the ministry of Congregational Christian Churches in Kansas, Nebraska and Texas. Five years ago the Nelson's built their retirement home in Norton, but since that time he has been busy almost constantly serving as interim minister in several vacant churches; his work has been most helpful. His registration is in for the Doane Pilgrim Fellowship P & T Conference; this is typical of his complete and continued interest in the work. He reports that he has found the ministry a very satisfying life with many happy memories and a feeling of good accomplished.

Sedgwick

A weekly bulletin from Sedgwick where the Rev. Owen Prince is minister, indicates that progress is being made in the program there, and that they are aware of what is happening in the larger fellowship. The Calendar of Prayer is printed each week and members are urged to remember those serving on the mission field.

Church Building Progress

A snap shot from the Rev. Robert Baker of Leavenworth shows that the new United Church building there is taking shape with the raising of the arches and walls. Volunteers are helping with the laying of floors and the painting. More than half the cost of air-conditioning was pledged early in August and it seems probable that it will be installed as the structure is built.

Maple Hill Vacant

The Rev. Dean Williams who has served our Maple Hill Church since June, 1957, while taking clinical training at Topeka State Hospital left early in September. He has taken a position as Chaplain of a Mental Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Kansas Visitors

The Rev. and Mrs. Harald Wissgarver of Taunton, Mass., were in Kansas during August visiting relatives and friends.